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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I have just become aware of the terms of the proposed Microsoft settlement. It is clear to me that most, if not all, competitor complaints have been addressed and resolved. Microsoft is willing to give up proprietary information on their operating system, allow computer manufacturers discretion over desktop configuration, and make it easier for consumers to remove or switch Microsoft products for competitor software.

These are tremendous concessions to their competitors and valuable offers to the general consumer! Why would anyone balk at this sort of proposal from one of our nation's premier high-tech companies?

A recent news story cited a plaintiffs' attorney as saying that if the settlement is rejected and the lawsuit is pushed forward, the most anyone will benefit from the judgment would be \$10. Who in their right mind would trade these unprecedented offers for ten bucks? Doesn't it make more sense to make Microsoft's money work for us rather than offer a token rebate to the estimated 65 million Microsoft software purchasers?

I ask the Court to dismiss the remaining lawsuits and clear the way for the full acceptance of the proposed settlement. It is time to move on.

Sincerely,



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